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SUBJECT: COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 9, 1973 - DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
ITEM

REFERENCE: (A) USOECD 25917; (B) STATE 195119

1. EXPANDED ROLE BY DAC IN THE INTEGRATED APPROACH TO COOPERATION:
REVISED DRAFT ENTRY ON THIS SUBJECT PREPARED BY SECRETARY GENERAL,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL INVITATION IN MEETING OF OCTOBER 2,
WAS RECEIVED ON MORNING OF OCTOBER 9 JUST PRIOR MEETING.

2. THE PROPOSED REVISED ENTRY IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE COUNCIL

(A) NOTED THE NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON POSSIBLE FURTHER
CONTRIBUTIONS BY THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE TO THE INTE-
GRATED APPROACH BY THE ORGANIZATION TO THE PROBLEM OF DEVELOPMENT
CO-OPERATION (C(73)179 AND CORRIGENDUM 1 TO FRENCH TEXT)

(B) AGREED THAT THE DAC, IN PURSUING ITS TASKS RELATED TO THE
VOLUME AND TERMS OF AID AND OTHER RESOURCES TRANSFERRED TO DEVE-
LOPING COUNTRIES, SHOULD TAKE A COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF THE DEVELOP-
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MENT PROBLEM IN ORDER: (I) TO IDENTIFY THE MAIN ISSUES ON WHICH

NOT ONLY THE DAC ITSELF BUT OTHER BODIES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT CENTER MIGHT HAVE A CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE AND, (II) WHENEVER NECESSARY, TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CONSIDERATION BY THESE BODIES OF DEVELOPMENT ISSUES FALLING WITHIN THEIR SPHERE OF COMPETENCE;

(C) INVITED ALL OTHER RELEVANT BODIES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND THE DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO CONSIDER WHAT INITIATIVES THEY COULD USEFULLY TAKE THEMSELVES, WITHIN THEIR MANDATE, TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, TAKING FULL ACCOUNT OF SUGGESTIONS WHICH MIGHT EMERGE FROM THE ACTIVITIES OF THE DAC;

(D) INVITED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION THE SPECIFIC ISSUES ON WHICH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS MANDATE, IT MIGHT MAKE A CONTRIBUTION;

(E) AGREED THAT, WITH A VIEW TO HELPING MEMBER GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION, AD

HOC MEETINGS ON SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND THE PERIODIC CONFERENCES OF UNCTAD, SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE HELD;

(F) INVITED THE DAC AND OTHER RELEVANT BODIES TO REPORT THEIR FINDINGS TO THE COUNCIL WHICH WILL THUS BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE AND TO RECONCILE, WHEN NECESSARY, THE POLICY CONCLUSIONS OF THE COMMITTEES INVOLVED AND GIVE THEM GUIDANCE FOR THEIR FUTURE ACTIVITIES;

(G) AGREED THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD, IN EXERCISING HIS RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S WORK (I) TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO CARRY OUT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DECISIONS, FACILITATING, IN PARTICULAR, CONTACTS BETWEEN COMMITTEES, INCLUDING, WHEN NECESSARY, JOINT MEETINGS, AND (II) REPORT, AS APPROPRIATE, TO THE COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS OF WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. UNQUOTE.

3. THE SECRETARY GENERAL URGED COUNCIL APPROVAL PRIOR TO FORTHCOMING HIGH LEVEL MEETING. HE ASSURED COUNCIL THAT ENTRY WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT EXPAND DAC MANDATE, BUT RATHER WOULD SET FORTH A MORE ORDERLY APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION. DAC CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT DAC WOULD NOT MAKE DECISIONS OUTSIDE ITS COMPETENCE. GREEK DELEGATION CONTINUED TO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH PARA 2(B) BECAUSE IT SEEMS GIVE DAC RATHER THAN COUNCIL THE COORDINATING ROLE AND BECAUSE OF THEIR LACK OF PARTICIPATION IN DAC. SPANISH DELEGATE NOTED A SIMILAR PROBLEM. JAPAN AND ITALY WARMLY SUPPORTED INITIATIVE. IN THE END NO DELEGATION REFUSED TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL. HOWEVER, BE-

CAUSE OF LATE RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL, ABOUT TEN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE US, AGREED ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSURING COORDINATION OF INTEGRATED APPROACH WOULD LIE WITH COUNCIL AND SECRETARY GENERAL. SECRETARY GENERAL IS CONSIDERING A GREEK SUGGESTION THAT DAC DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THIS ROLE OF DAC BE CIRCULATED TO NON-DAC GOVERNMENTS.

4. MISSION CONSIDERS NEW LANGUAGE, DESPITE FAULTY WORDING OF (B) AN IMPROVEMENT OVER EARLIER VERSION. THUS, IN VIEW COMMENTS REF(B), UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY BY 13 OCTOBER, WILL ASSUME THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO ENTRY AS PROPOSED ABOVE.BROWN

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